

I am writing to oppose BellSouth's petition to end the FCC's regulatory review of broadband pricing. The termination of this review, if it occurs, would inevitably result in the Baby Bells taking a monopoly position in local Internet service, just as they now have a monopoly in local phone service. Such a monopoly would not only undesirably restrict consumer choice and put small ISPs out of business, it could potentially have a negative impact on freedom of speech. Consumers have embraced the Internet precisely because it has given them new choices in media and new sources of information. Please defend consumer choices by rejecting BellSouth's argument.